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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

INVENTOR(S) : HARPER, et al.  
TITLE : **RANDOM SAMPLING AS A BUILT-IN  
FUNCTION FOR DATABASE  
ADMINISTRATION AND REPLICATION**  
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**SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, on the  
above-referenced patent application, applicants respectfully request  
reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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